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Professor H. W. Nutt has completed his apparatus for the study of rhythm in handwriting as related to age and to good qualities of written work. The results of this study will be published in bulletin form for the benefit of the school men of the state.

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The movement for standardizing of educational product has received great impetus by the completion of the Kansas Silent Reading Tests devised by Brother F. J. Kelly, Dean of the School of Education at the University of Kansas. These tests, completed last May, have had a phenomeal demand at the opening of the first year of school after their completion. A special edition has been printed for the University of Iowa for use in the state of Iowa, and permission to print copies has been granted the pub-

lic schools of Kansas City, Mo. In addition, the demand from the author has reached more than seventy thousand copies. Copies are supplied by the Bureau of Educational Measurements and Standards at the State Normal School at Emporia, Kansas, and a bulletin explaining the derivation of the tests may also be secured there. The tests may be given in a city school for thirty-three cents per hundred children, and this cheapness has proved a big factor in its general use.

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Brother C. A. Buckner, Assistant Professor of Education in the University of Kansas, expects to take a leave of absence at the end of the first semester. Brother Buckner expects to be gone a year and a half, which he will spend in graduate work in Teachers' College, Columbia University.

Illinois

During the last part of the first semester of last year a new chapter was organized at the University of Illinois. It happened that a number of members from other chapters of the fraternity were among the faculty of the university. With their cooperation and through the efforts of Dr. H. O. Rugg, now instructor in the department of education at the University of Chicago, but at that time a graduate student in the department of education at the University of Illinois and a member of the local chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the other educational society, a charter was granted on December 21, 1914 with the following names on the Charter Roll:

William C. Bagley, Director of School of Education. (Hon. member Cornell Chapter.)

Lotus D. Coffman, Professor of Education—now Director of the School of Education, University of Minnesota. (Member Columbia Chapter.)

Charles H. Johnston, Professor of Secondary Education—formerly Dean of School of Education, Univ. of

Kansas. (Member Kansas Chapter)

Guy M. Whipple, Professor of Educational Psychology. (Member Cornell Chapter.)

Wilford S. Miller, Secretary of the School of Education. (Member Indiana Chapter.)

Christian A. Ruckmich, Associate in Psychology. (Member Cornell Chapter.)

Charles Le R. Harlan, Asst. in Education.

Harold O. Rugg, Instructor in General Engineering Drawing and Graduate student in Education.

At an early meeting Professor H. A. Hollister, Professor of Education and High School Visitor, and six graduate students in Education became members. On account of the withdrawal from the University of many of the graduate students, we found ourselves largely composed of faculty members whose ranks were further depleted by Professor Coffman's acceptance of the Deanship of the School of Education at the University of

Minnesota. During the summer Professor Hollister was our official representative at the San Francisco meeting of the fraternity and on his return reported the proceedings of the gathering. On November 1, 1915, the initiation of new members took place and resulted in the addition of the following brothers:

J. A. Alexander, B. H. Corzine, R. W. Feik, B. E. L. French, J. F. Harshbarger, L. J. Henrich, T. S. Henry, C. D. Lewis, J. B. Phillips, T. H. Schutte.

On this occasion Professor Johnston gave a brief address of welcome to the new members and pleaded for the undertaking by the chapter of some distinctive and characteristic line of work by means of which the local organization could become better known. It is probable that henceforth the affairs of the society will pass out of the hands of the faculty members who were at first responsible for its initiation and that with the election of officers in the near future the chapter may be turned over to the management of graduate students. There is a growing sentiment felt here, possibly due to the existence of the larger and more liberal competitive educational society of Kappa Delta Pi, that membership should be made more exclusive and

should ultimately comprise only graduate students and faculty.

CHRISTIAN A. RUCKMICH, Sec.

Professor A. J. McAllister,
Atchison County High School,
Effingham, Kansas.

DEAR SIR:—Your note to Dr. Johnston enclosing the Phi Delta Kappa "Day Lettergram" was referred to me for reply. The attached sheet is therefore sent to you for revision and publication. I am also sending you the addresses of our members who are now actively connected with the local chapter.

I wish you every success in the venture: it will surely help to unite the chapters more effectively. How would it do to suggest to the various organizations editorially or otherwise the need of doing something unique in each one of them. We can then say, "Look, see what Harvard, Columbia, Missouri, or Kansas is doing!" In one place the members might report on problems, in another special investigation in the educational field might be carried on, and so forth. Write me what you think of this.

If I can be of any further service to you, please write me.

Fraternally yours,
CHRISTIAN A. RUCKMICH, Sec.

Nebraska

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
LINCOLN.

Chas. W. Taylor, Principal of Teachers
College High School, Professor of
Educational Administration.

Mr. Abel J. McAllister,
Effingham, Kansas.

MY DEAR SIR:—In reply to your lettergram of recent date I beg to submit the following information relative to the Nebraska Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa.

(Then follows a list of officers and members.)

I shall ask Dean Fordyce, President of the Chapter, to prepare a written matter which will be sent you later.

Permit me to say that we are in thorough harmony with the proceedings of the last National Council. The Nebraska Chapter as you know is young and has been very conservative in the matter of membership. Practically all of our men are graduate men, and a large percentage of them are second degree men. We will very soon take up the idea of the National Council and branch out along the under graduate line. This is easily done.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. TAYLOR,
Secretary *Pro Tem*.